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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Vincent Derycke et al.
Serial No.: 09/856,211 Art Unit: 1765
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Title: MONOATOMIC AND MONOCRYSTALLINE LAYER
OF LARGE SIZE, IN DIAMOND TYPE CARBON,
AND METHOD FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF THIS
LAYER
Examiner: Matthew J. Song
Docket No.: 33585

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

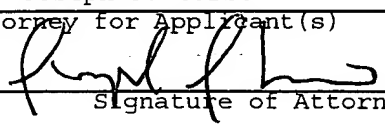
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted following the filing of a Request for Continued Examination and is in response to the final rejection dated March 7, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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